



# MINISTRY NEWS

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NEWSFLASH ON SCRIPTURE MINISTRY EVENTS



We just received word that this past Tuesday, our president, Roy Peterson, was granted a private audience with Pope Francis in the *Domus Sanctae Marthae*, the residence where the Holy Father makes his home in Vatican City.

Robert L. Briggs, Executive Vice President, Global Scripture Ministries

## American Bible Society President Meets Pope Francis

American Bible Society President and CEO Roy Peterson had a private audience with His Holiness Pope Francis. The meeting on Monday, March 31 was the first for Peterson but it was the continuation of an ongoing dialogue between American Bible Society (ABS) and Roman Catholic leadership on the importance of Bible engagement to the Christian life. Also in attendance at the meeting was a delegation of ABS staff and members of the Green family, the driving force behind The Green Collection of Bible artifacts on display at the Vatican.



**“It was an honor to meet with His Holiness Pope Francis and hear him speak about his personal passion for Scripture,”** said Peterson. **“Papal endorsement of the importance of God’s Word will encourage Catholics around the world to open the Scriptures for themselves and experience its life-changing message.”**

Peterson, who took the helm at ABS two months ago, believes the ministry’s relationship with the Catholic Church is an important part of the larger Bible engagement movement taking place today. **“I felt God’s favor on the Bible movement today,”** said Peterson. **“The Bible is at the center of the Christian faith, whether that faith is expressed through a Catholic, Protestant or Orthodox tradition. It is exciting to see how God is knitting together the broader Christian family through our shared love for his Word.”**

